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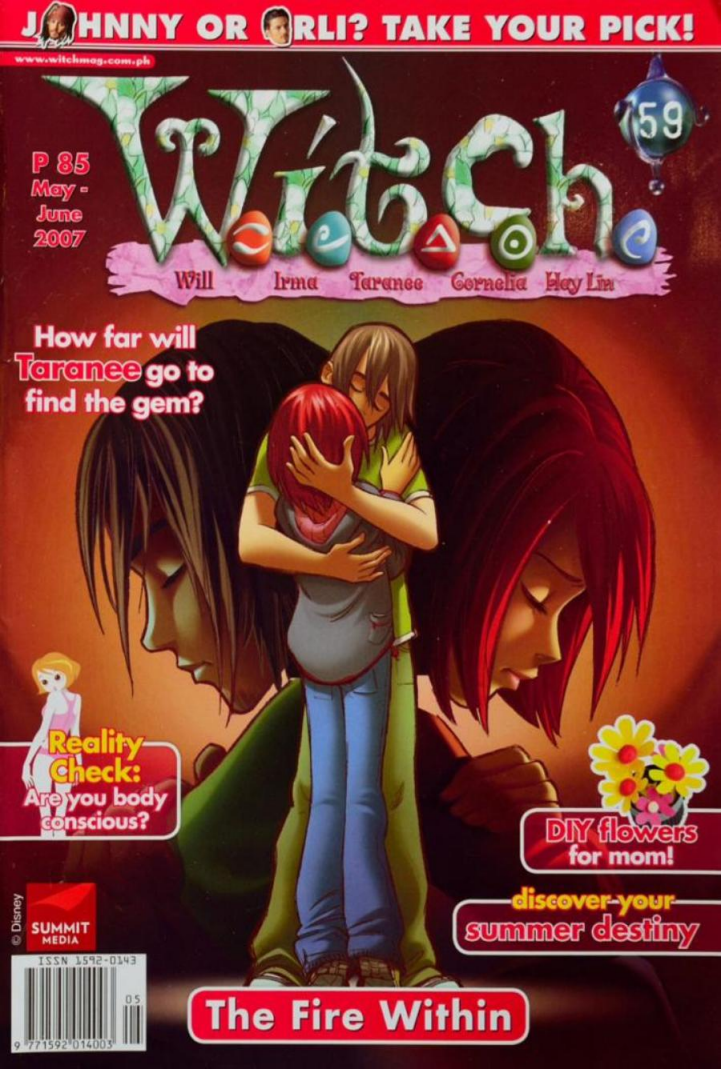
How far will Taranee go to find the gem?



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The Fire Within

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RAIN POURS DOWN AS WILL VANDOM ARRIVES AT HEATHERFIELD FOR THE VERY FIRST TIME...
SHE MEETS FOUR SPECIAL GIRLS AND THEY BECOME INSTANT FRIENDS, SHARING GREAT ADVENTURES AND...
...MAGIC POWERS!
THIS IS THE HEART OF KANDRAKAR THAT CONTAINS ALL THE ENERGIES OF YOUR...
...POWERFUL ELEMENTS!
WATER!
FIRE!
AIR!
EARTH!
AND HEART!
I, THE ORACLE, PRESENT THE FIVE GUARDIANS OF KANDRAKAR, CHOSEN TO PROTECT THE BALANCE OF THE WORLDS!

The Fire Within
"I am fire!"
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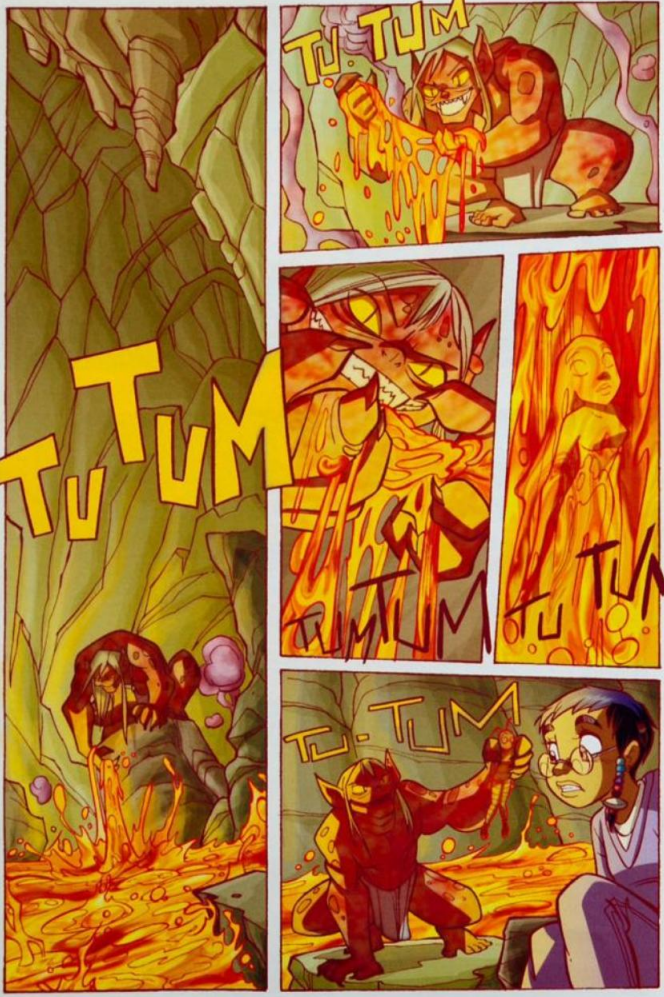
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AAAH...
AAAHHH...

A FEW BLOCKS AWAY, IRMA'S DREAMING, TOO...
CHOOSE ME, CUPCAKE!
NO, CHOOSE ME!
WOW! THIS IS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE!

CHOMP
YUM... CHOMP. MUNCH. MUNCH... CHOMP!
BLUB BLUB BLUB
BLUB
SIMPLY DELICIOUS!
UGH! I WAS EATEN BY A CHOCOLATE CREAM PUFF?

AFTER A NIGHT OF TERRIBLE DREAMS...
Institute
...THE NIGHTMARE CONTINUES AT SCHOOL!
STOP THAT MONSTER!
FLUFFY ISN'T A MONSTER!
STOP THAT THING OR I'LL INCINERATE YOU!
SHE MEANS IT, YOU KNOW! SHE HATES INSECTS!
HERE'S FLUFFY.
COME HERE, LITTLE GUY!
BLEAH... IT'S HORRIBLE!
NEXT TIME MAKE SURE IT STAYS IN ITS BOX!
I'LL NEVER TAKE HIM TO SCHOOL AGAIN!
THAT WITCH TRAUMATIZED YOU, DIDN'T SHE?
GRRR... I COULD'VE TRAUMATIZED HIM!
COME ON, TARANEE! WILL AND CORNELIA ARE WAITING FOR US!
COMING!

WHAT A HORRIBLE MORNING... AS HORRIBLE AS MY DREAM LAST NIGHT!
I BET IT WAS ABOUT THE BIOLOGY TEST!
I SAY YOU DREAMED ABOUT CREEPY OLD FLUFFY!
NO, IT WAS A LOT WORSE... I THINK!
BUT NO MATTER HOW HARD I TRY I JUST CAN'T REMEMBER ANYTHING ABOUT IT.
THEN LISTEN TO WHAT I DREAMED ABOUT!
GUYS, COME HERE! QUICK!
I WAS THE BELLE OF THE BALL, AND...
WHAT'S UP?
ORUBE JUST CALLED!
THE MAP SHOWED THEM WHERE WE HAVE TO LOOK FOR THE NEXT GEM!

WHERE?
WARMWATER SPA. THE PLACE YOU ENDED UP THAT TIME WE GOT LOST COMING BACK FROM KANDRAKAR!
IS WILL TALKING TO ORUBE?
NO, SHE'S TRYING TO BOOK US A TRIP TO THE SPA!
SINCE WE HAVEN'T FIGURED OUT THE RIDDLE, WE'LL START LOOKING THERE!
HAVEN'T YOU GOT ANYTHING CHEAPER?
WE OFFER EXCELLENCE, AND EXCELLENCE HAS IT'S PRICE!
THANKS A LOT!
DARN IT!
DON'T EVEN CONSIDER SELLING ME JUST TO GO TO THE BEAUTY FARM!
NO DICE?
TEN YEARS' WORTH OF POOLING OUR ALLOWANCES WOULDN'T GET US A SINGLE DAY AT THAT PLACE!
THEN WE'LL HAVE TO COME UP WITH PLAN B!

IRMA AND I WILL THINK OF AN INGENIOUS WAY TO GET US INTO THE SPA, AND YOU GUYS RACK YOUR BRAINS TO SOLVE OUR LATEST RIDDLE!
IT'S A DEAL!
SO WHY DON'T THE THREE OF US HEAD OVER AND EAT AT GOLDEN?
UM, ACTUALLY... I'VE GOT REHEARSALS...
I CAN'T TODAY. MY GRANDMOTHER'S VISITING!
DON'T YOU GUYS REMEMBER? THEY CHOSE ME FOR TONIGHT'S SHOW. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE BEEN PICKED FOR A REAL PERFORMANCE AND...
OKAY, OKAY! SORRY, I FORGOT ABOUT THAT.
WELL, THEN... WE CAN EACH TRY TO SOLVE THE RIDDLE ON OUR OWN.
AND TOMORROW MORNING WE'LL MEET UP TO COMPARE NOTES.
OKAY...
WHY DO I FEEL LIKE A MONSTER?
SAVE YOUR BRAINPOWER FOR SOLVING THE RIDDLE.

"IT PULSES IN THE DEPTHS OF THE EARTH! AND IT AWAITS YOU WITH BURNING-HOT, RAZOR-SHARP TEETH!"
THE DEPTHS OF THE EARTH WHERE? AND WHY BURNING-HOT TEETH?
TEETH... MOUTH... JAWS... EATING... SUFFERING...
NO! IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE! TEETH... MOUTH... OPEN MOUTH... OPEN... DENTIST...
THE HALE RESIDENCE.
SORRY I'M LATE...
YOUR MOTHER SHOULD HAVE TAUGHT YOU BY NOW THAT IT'S IMPOLITE TO KEEP OTHERS WAITING.
DON'T SAY A WORD, LIZ! DON'T EVEN LISTEN TO HER!

WHAT'S THAT???
IT'S A MUCH-APPRECIATED GIFT FROM YOUR GRANDMOTHER!
CORNELIA'S AT AN AGE WHEREIN SHE MUST LEARN PROPER MANNERS!
YUM... I MARRIED A REAL EXPERT IN COOKING!
A PERSON'S BEHAVIOR IS THEIR CALLING CARD!
LET'S SEE... HOW DOES THE RIDDLE GO AGAIN?
IT PULSES IN THE DEPTHS OF THE EARTH...
CORNELIA NEEDS TO BEHAVE LIKE A HALE, SEEING AS SHE IS A HALE!
YOU'VE DONE A FRIGHTFUL JOB RAISING HER, ELIZABETH!
YOUR DAUGHTER NEEDS A STRONG, STEADY ROLE MODEL!
AND AS THERE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE ONE IN THIS FAMILY, I WILL TAKE THE RESPONSIBILITY UPON MYSELF!

CORNELIA WILL BE SPENDING THE WEEKEND WITH ME!
NO!
I DON'T THINK SHE...
SHE'LL ENJOY IT! THERE'S A VERY SELECT CLIENTELE AT WARMWATER SPA!
WARMWATER? YESSSSS! THANKS, GRANDMA!
CORNY WANTS TO SPEND TIME WITH MY MOM? PIGS MUST BE FLYING!
WHAT A WONDERFUL GIFT, GRAMS! I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO GO THERE!
SEE THAT, ELIZABETH? CORNELIA IS A TRUE HALE!
OH, YES! SHE'S ALSO FULL OF SURPRISES.
SHE'S DEFINITELY UP TO SOMETHING!
UM... CAN MY FRIENDS COME WITH ME?
I KNEW IT!
ONLY IF YOU CAN ASSURE ME THEY'RE WORTHY OF SUCH AN EXCLUSIVE LOCATION!
THEY'RE WAAAAY WORTHY!

I'LL LET THEM KNOW RIGHT AWAY!
ONE MOMENT!
YEEESSSS?
WAAAAY WORTHY ISN'T PROPER ENGLISH!
OH, OF COURSE, GRANDMA! I'M SORRY, GRANDMA!
IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR YOU TO SPEAK WITH THE MOTHERS OF CORNELIA'S FRIENDS!
WHAT A BRILLIANT IDEA! THAT HADN'T EVEN CROSSED MY MIND!
WILL... ARE YOU READY FOR SOME GREAT NEWS?
WE'VE GOT TO ADMIT, CORNELIA'S A GENIUS!
IF SHE WERE, SHE'D HAVE SUGGESTED WE USE TRANSPOSITION. SO WHY AREN'T WE USING IT?
WHY IS SHE RIDING A COMFY CAR WHILE WE'RE STUCK TAKING THE BUS?

BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO LOOK FOR CLUES AND WE DON'T WANT TO ATTRACT ANY ATTENTION RIGHT FROM THE START!
YEAH, IMAGINE IF WE DID IT AND ENDED UP ON HER GRANDMA'S LAP? HA, HA!

HERE COMES THE BUS!
BUT TARA'S NOT HERE YET.

TRUUUM
3
EEEEK!

WHAT ARE YOU, NUTS?!
BUT THAT WAS THE NUMBER 3. WHY DIDN'T IT STOP?

MAYBE IT'S OFF DUTY! ANYWAY, TARA'S COMING, RIGHT?
I DON'T KNOW.

MAYBE SHE COULDN'T GET OUT OF REHEARSALS AND WILL JUST CATCH UP WITH US AFTERWARDS!

OH, NO YOU DON'T! YOU'RE NOT GETTING AWAY!

STOOOP!
SCREEK

HEY, KID! ARE YOU CRAZY?
WE NEED TO GET TO WARMWATER! YOU'RE DRIVING THE NUMBER 3 BUS... SO LET US ON!

THAT RUDE COLLEAGUE OF YOURS DROVE RIGHT PAST US...
THAT'S BECAUSE WE'RE ON STRIKE TODAY!
OH NOOO!
I HAVEN'T SOLVED THE RIDDLE! TARANEE HASN'T SHOWN UP!
WE CAN'T USE TRANSPOSITION! THE BUSES ARE ON STRIKE! MATT'S STILL IMPRISONED AND I...

I'M ABOUT TO EXPLODE!

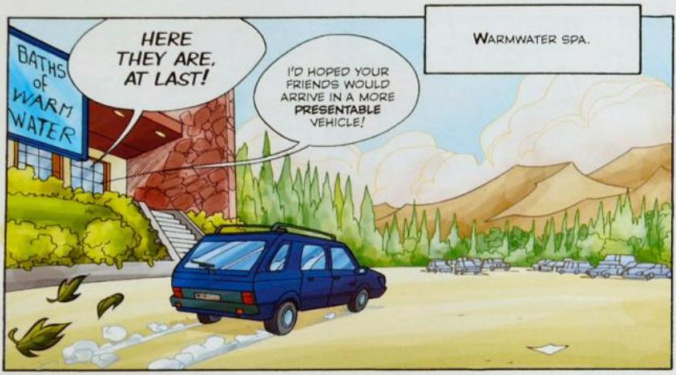
BOOM
BOOM

MY TIRES! ALL FOUR TIRES BURST AT THE SAME TIME!
OOPS...
HOW COULD THIS HAPPEN?
BEEP BEEP BEEP
TRY TO CONTROL YOURSELF, WILL!
I GUESS I NEEDED TO LET IT ALL OUT. I'M OKAY NOW.
BEEP BEEP BEEP
BEEP BEEP BEEP
IN FACT, I FEEL GREAT, AND I'M READY TO COME UP WITH ALTERNATIVE...
HEY! WHAT'S WITH ALL THE HONKING?
YESSS!

TARANEE!
COME ON! HOP IN!
ARE YOU SURE THIS CRATE WILL GET US ALL THE WAY TO WARM-WATER?
I HEARD THAT, YOU KNOW...
TARA, YOU'RE THE BEST!
I HEARD THERE WAS A BUS STRIKE, SO I WORKED IT OUT FOR US!
I TRIED TO GET HERE AS SOON AS I COULD...
I HONESTLY DIDN'T THINK YOU WERE EVEN COMING.
WHICH IS WHY I WANT TO APOLOGIZE AND THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE.
ALL I DID WAS DROP OUT OF THE PERFOR-MANCE.
EXACTLY. I KNOW HOW MUCH DANCING MEANS TO YOU.

I KNOW HOW MUCH MATT MEANS TO YOU, AND WHAT YOU'VE BEEN GOING THROUGH SINCE THE BOOK IMPRISONED HIM, THOUGH YOU DON'T COMPLAIN ABOUT IT!
BUT MOST OF ALL, I KNOW WHERE I BELONG...
AND IT'S HERE, WITH ALL OF YOU!
DESTINATION: WARMWATER.
GUYS, WE'VE GOT TO AVOID TALKING ABOUT MATT NO MATTER WHAT!
BY THE WAY, WILL, I'VE BEEN MEANING TO ASK YOU SOMETHING FOR A LONG TIME NOW...
IF YOU'RE THROUGH WITH THE MUSHY STUFF, MAYBE WE COULD GET GOING!
HAVE YOU HEARD FROM MATT LATELY?
UHHH...
LOOK OUT FOR THAT DOG, PETER!
DOG? WHERE?

OOPS, MAYBE MY GLASSES WERE JUST DIRTY!
WHY DID I GET MYSELF INTO THIS, ANYWAY?
IN ANY CASE, WILL... LIKE I WAS SAYING... HEY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
I JUST NOTICED! YOUR DREADS LOOK COOLER THAN EVER!
LOOK WHAT I FOUND! A STEREO! YOU DON'T MIND IF WE TURN THIS ON, DO YOU, PETER?
THAT'S IT, GUYS! KEEP IT UP!
♪ I'M SINGING A SONG FOR YOUUUU... ♪
THIS IS GOING TO BE A REALLY LONG TRIP!


HERE THEY ARE, AT LAST!
I'D HOPED YOUR FRIENDS WOULD ARRIVE IN A MORE PRESENTABLE VEHICLE!
BATHS of WARM WATER
WARMWATER SPA.

THAT BOY WITH THE OUTLANDISH HAIR! WHAT'S HE DOING HERE?
HANG IN THERE, PETER! IT'S ALMOST OVER!

HI, PETER! FEEL LIKE HANGING AROUND FOR A LITTLE WHILE?
ANOTHER TIME, MAYBE! YOUR FRIENDS HAVE REALLY WORN ME OUT!

SEE YOU!
WHAT DID YOU DO TO HIM?
IRMA SANG ALL THE WAY TO THE SPA SO HE WOULDN'T GET A CHANCE TO ASK ABOUT MATT!

HE! HE! HE! POOR PETER!
HELLO THERE!

WOULD YOU INTRODUCE ME TO OUR GUESTS, CORNELIA?
OF COURSE, GRANDMA! RIGHT AWAY!

THIS IS TARANEE COOK!
JUDGE COOK'S DAUGHTER?
YES, MA'AM!
AND SHE'S IRMA LAIR!
HMM... I DON'T BELIEVE I KNOW ANY LAIRS. WHAT KIND OF SOCIAL CIRCLES DOES YOUR FATHER FREQUENT?
OH, CRIME RINGS, MOSTLY!
OH!
SHE MEANS HER FATHER IS A POLICEMAN!
BUT THAT'S WHAT I MEANT!
LET'S GET A MOVE ON!

AND NOW, WHY DON'T YOU ALL GO FRESHEN UP? AND REMEMBER TO BEHAVE IN A MANNER THAT'S APPROPRIATE...
"...FOR SUCH AN EXCLUSIVE ESTABLISHMENT!"
THIS PLACE IS A DREAM COME TRUE!
HOW COME THERE ARE ONLY FOUR BEDS?
I'VE GOT TO STAY IN MY GRANDMA'S ROOM... TO LEARN GOOD MANNERS!
THERE'S EVEN A HEATED OUTDOOR POOL!
WE CAN GO FOR A SWIM, IF YOU WANT!
WE'RE NOT HERE TO HAVE FUN!
I KNOW. IN FACT, I'VE ALREADY COME UP WITH A PLAN!
SINCE WE DON'T HAVE ANY IDEA WHERE THE GEM EXACTLY IS, WE'LL EXPLORE THE SPA TONIGHT!
MY GRANDMA GOES TO BED AT NINE.
THEN A MINUTE PAST NINE, WE'LL START SEARCHING!
OKAY, BUT MEAN-WHILE?

"LET'S SWIM!"
GANG-WAY!
WOULD YOU STAY BESIDE ME WHEN I GET IN THE WATER?
DUCK!
SPLASH!
WE NEED TO SHARPEN OUR REFLEXES!
HA! HA! HA! YOU SHOULD SEE YOURSELF...
TARANEE! WHY DON'T YOU JOIN US?
NO WAY! THIS LITTLE JACUZZI IS JUST WHAT I NEED...
AND THE HOT WATER'S SO RELAXING...
TUM

TU TUM
IT'S THAT POUNDING NOISE AGAIN!
TU TUM
WILL! HELP!
WILL!
TU TUM
TUTUM TU TUM

TU TUM
EVERYTHING IS FINE... YOU'RE A PART OF ME.
RETURN TO YOUR ELEMENT!
TU TUM
WE... ARE... FIRE!
TU TUM
NOOO!
WAKE UP, TARANEE!
TU TUM
I NEED TO TALK TO YOU GUYS NOW, AND IN PRIVATE!

WOULD YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS LIKE SOMETHING TO DRINK?
UM... NO, THANKS!
I HAD THE SAME DREAM AGAIN! I REMEMBER EVERYTHING NOW! I KNOW WHAT'S GOING TO ATTACK US!
GO ON WITHOUT ME! I'LL GET RID OF HIM AND CATCH UP WITH YOU!
HOW LONG WILL YOU BE STAYING HERE?
I'M SORRY, BUT...
HAVE YOU SEEN THE WHOLE SPA YET? I CAN GIVE YOU A TOUR, IF YOU LIKE!
NO! I DON'T THINK YOUR DREAM WAS A PREMONITION!
I'M TELLING YOU, IT WAS MORE THAN A DREAM! BOTH LAST NIGHT AND A WHILE AGO!
ROOM 112.
AND DON'T FORGET ABOUT THE DREAM I HAD!
I DOUBT WE'LL BE GOBBLED UP BY A GIANT CREAM PUFF!
WE'LL JUST HAVE TO KEEP OUR EYES OPEN! EVEN IF IT MEANT SOMETHING, YOUR NIGHTMARE ISN'T GIVING US ANY REAL LEADS!
YOU THINK CORNELIA'S RIGHT?

I DON'T KNOW, BUT IT CAN HAPPEN WHEN YOU'RE NERVOUS! ONCE, I HAD A NIGHTMARE BEFORE MR. HORSEBERG'S MATH TEST!
IT MIGHT SOUND SILLY, BUT IT WAS ALL SO HORRIBLY REAL!
BUT IT TURNED OUT TO BE NOTHING. AND IN THE END, I EVEN GOT A GOOD GRADE!
TOC TOC
WHEN THE CREATURE TALKED TO ME, IT WAS LIKE HE WAS INSIDE MY HEAD!
HURRY UP, GIRLS! I'VE JUST SIGNED US ALL UP FOR THE TREASURE HUNT! WE'LL HAVE A FEW DRINKS, THE GAME, THE AWARDS CEREMONY, AND A DINNER AT MIDNIGHT!
HUH?
YOU'RE QUITE FORTUNATE, YOU KNOW. I NORMALLY GO TO BED RATHER EARLY!
BUT WE CAN'T WASTE ALL THAT TIME!

I'D RATHER NOT TAKE PART...
MAY I REMIND YOU THAT YOU ARE MY GUESTS?
WE LOVE SOLVING RIDDLES AND SEARCHING FOR THINGS!
WILL WAS ONLY KIDDING! A TREASURE HUNT SOUNDS LIKE A FAN-TAS-TIC IDEA!
I'M PLEASED TO HEAR IT.
OF COURSE, MA'AM! I'D BE HAPPY TO PLAY ALONG!
THAT'S MUCH BETTER!
SEE YOU IN NO TIME, MADAM!
I'LL SEE YOU IN THE LOUNGE IN TEN MINUTES, THEN!
!?
AND DO MAKE YOURSELVES PRESENTABLE!
WHAT DID I DO NOW? WHAT'S SHE GOT AGAINST ME, ANYWAY?

WHAT BETTER EXCUSE THAN A TREASURE HUNT TO START SNOOPING AROUND WHEREVER WE WANT?
BZZZZ
I HADN'T THOUGHT OF THAT...
...AND TO THINK I GOT YOUR GRANDMA ALL MAD!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. SHE GETS MAD ABOUT EVERYTHING!
SO WHY DID YOU GET BACK HERE SO LATE? WAS IT THAT GUY WITH THE DRINKS?
YOU BET! TUDOR TOLD ME A BUNCH OF INTERESTING STUFF ABOUT THIS PLACE!
BZZZZ
"ONE OF THE SPA ROOMS LEADS TO A NETWORK OF TUNNELS THAT GOES DEEP DOWN INTO THE GROUND. THAT'S WHERE ALL THE HOT WATER AND THERMAL MUD COME FROM!"
THE FOUNDER OF THE SPA CALLS THE PLACE THE DEPTHS OF THE EARTH!
DO YOU KNOW HOW TO GET THERE?
NO, BUT TUDOR IS GOING TO SHOW US!

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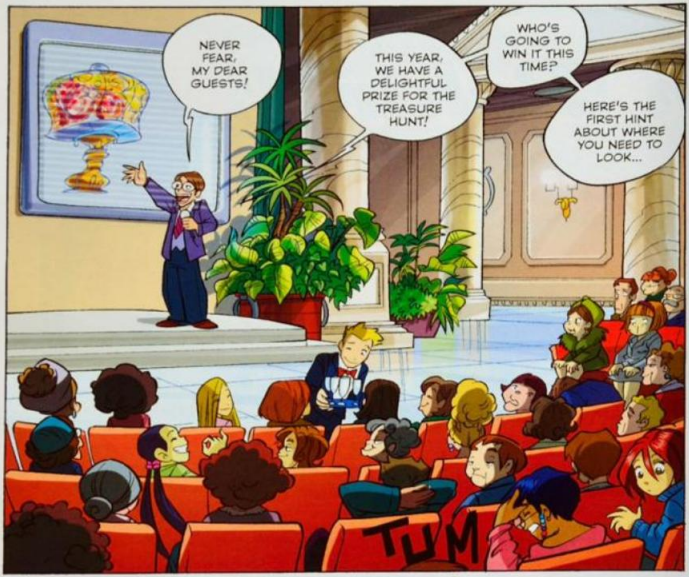
NEVER FEAR, MY DEAR GUESTS!
THIS YEAR, WE HAVE A DELIGHTFUL PRIZE FOR THE TREASURE HUNT!
WHO'S GOING TO WIN IT THIS TIME?
HERE'S THE FIRST HINT ABOUT WHERE YOU NEED TO LOOK...
TUM

IT CAN HOLD WATER, BUT IT CAN'T TREAD WATER!

ANOTHER DIZZY SPELL...

EVERYTHING ALL RIGHT?
I JUST HAD THIS FUNNY FEELING... BUT IT'S GONE NOW!

I'VE ALREADY SOLVED THE RIDDLE. AND YOU, CORNELIA?
I'M NOT REALLY SURE!

IT MUST BE IN A SINK! I'M SURE THAT'S WHAT HE MEANT!
I THINK I'LL ASK MY FRIENDS FOR HELP...
GO RIGHT AHEAD! BUT DON'T GET YOUR HOPES UP ABOUT WINNING!

I'VE NEVER LOST A SINGLE TREASURE HUNT IN MY WHOLE LIFE!
!

I PLAY TENNIS, TOO. LAST MONTH, I WON THE...
LET'S GET GOING!

FOLLOW ME! THE PLACE I TOLD YOU ABOUT IS DOWN THERE!
SO WHAT'S THE NAME OF THE SPA'S FOUNDER AGAIN?

I DON'T REMEMBER, BUT IF YOU LEAVE ME YOUR PHONE NUMBER, I'LL LET YOU KNOW!
GREAT!
OH, LOOKS LIKE SOME-BODY'S FORGETTING ABOUT ERIC!

HEY! I HEARD THAT! I'M JUST TALKING TO THE GUY!
THE TRUTH HURTS, DOESN'T IT?

HERE WE ARE. DON'T STAY TOO LONG, OKAY?

I WOULDN'T WANT YOU TO DISAPPEAR NOW THAT...
GRRR...
YOU WANT ME TO PLAY THE VIOLIN FOR YOU?

CUT IT OUT, OKAY?
HEE! HEE! HEE!
I'M SORRY! I DIDN'T MEAN TO...

OH, I WASN'T TALKING TO YOU!
TO WHOM THEN?

DON'T WORRY. WE'LL BE BACK SOON!
IT'S BOILING HOT IN HERE! HOW CAN PEOPLE STAND IT?
EVERY-THING ALL RIGHT?
GLEEK
IT WOULD BE IF MY GLASSES HAD WINDSHIELD WIPERS!
I CAN'T SEE A THING!
IT DOESN'T LOOK SO INVITING TO ME.
SO WHO'S GOING FIRST?
TUM
I AM!
TU
TUM

THINK WE CAN GET THROUGH?
TU-TUM
YEAH.
IF I SEE A SINGLE MOUSE, I'M GOING BACK TO PLAY WITH MY GRANDMA!
AND I'LL BE RIGHT BEHIND YOU!
I'LL STAY HERE TO CONSOLE THE MOUSE, WHO'LL BE SCARED BY ALL YOUR SCREAMING!
WHAT NOW? WHICH WAY DO WE GO?
THERE ARE MORE LIGHTS TO THE RIGHT.
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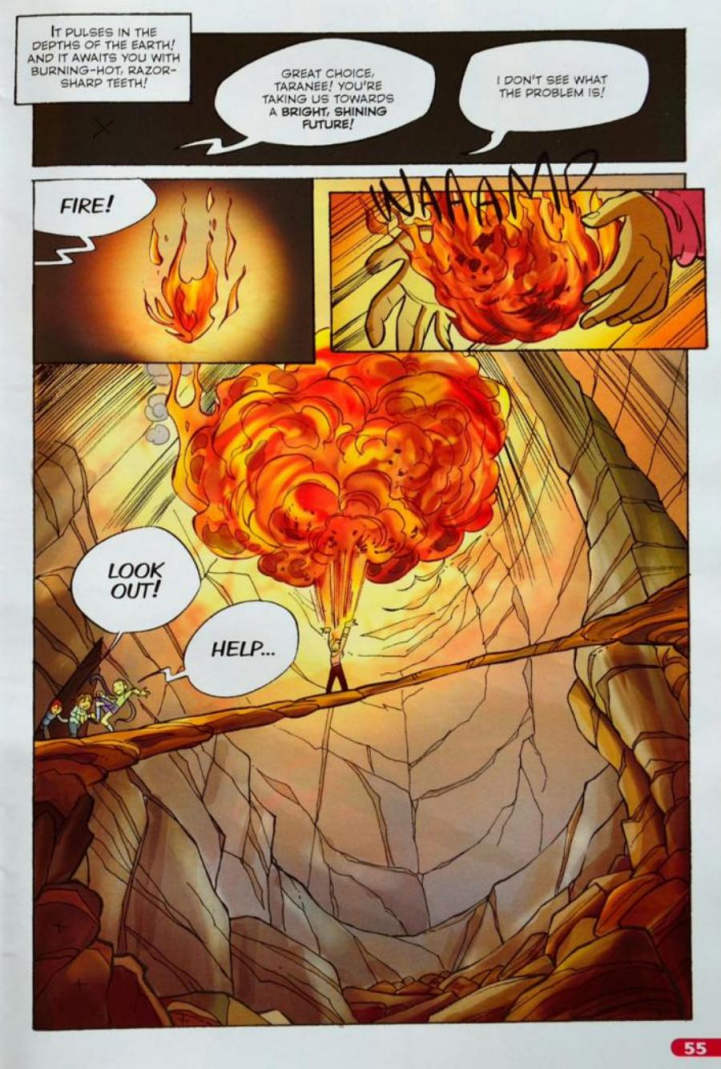
NO. WE'VE GOT TO GO TO THE LEFT. TRUST ME!


IT PULSES IN THE DEPTHS OF THE EARTH! AND IT AWAITS YOU WITH BURNING-HOT, RAZOR-SHARP TEETH!
GREAT CHOICE, TARANEE! YOU'RE TAKING US TOWARDS A BRIGHT, SHINING FUTURE!
I DON'T SEE WHAT THE PROBLEM IS!
FIRE!
WAAAAH!
LOOK OUT!
HELP...

NOOO!
EVERYBODY TRANSFORM! QUICK!
HEART OF KANDRAKAR!
WATER!
EARTH!
AIR!
FIRE!
SAVED!

THAT WAS A CLOSE ONE!
TU TUM
AWW, I'VE SEEN MORE DANGEROUS THINGS... LIKE LAST WEEK'S SCIENCE QUIZ!
TARANEE? WHAT IS IT?
THIS TIME, THE ETERNAL PROTECTOR IS FIRE IN ITS PURE STATE. WE'LL FIND IT DOWN THERE.
I CAN FEEL ITS PRESENCE THE SAME WAY I CAN HEAR PEOPLE'S THOUGHTS.
WE'RE RIGHT BEHIND YOU!
TU-TUM
TU-TU

THE LAST TUNNEL.
I JUST HOPE WE DIDN'T GO THE WRONG WAY. THIS LITTLE UNDERGROUND STROLL'S BEEN HARD ON MY FEET!
TU-TUM
TU-TUM
TARANEE...
COME...
TUTUM
WE ARE FIRE...
TU-TUM
SO, DO WE KEEP GOING STRAIGHT?
SHE CAN'T SEE ME OR HEAR ME. ONLY YOU CAN.
NO PROBLEM. LET'S GO!
SORRY... I WAS DISTRACTED, THAT'S ALL.

LOOK AT THOSE! THEY LOOK LIKE JAWS READY TO SWALLOW US UP!
SO THESE ARE THE RAZOR-SHARP TEETH!
DON'T TELL ME WE NEED TO GO IN THERE!
MAKE THEM GO IN.
EXACTLY! WE'LL FIND THE ETERNAL PROTECTOR ON THE OTHER SIDE!
UGH! I SPOKE TOO SOON.
COME ON, LET'S GO!
I CAN'T BELIEVE MY EYES!

NOT TO CRITICIZE, TARANEE, BUT I DON'T SEE ANYBODY HERE!
I HATE TO AGREE WITH IRMA, BUT...
THE PROTECTOR'S HERE!
NOW HAVE THEM SPLIT UP.
CORNELIA AND IRMA, GO EXPLORE THE TUNNEL TO THE LEFT. WILL AND HAY LIN, THE ONE TO THE RIGHT!
I'LL TAKE A LOOK AROUND HERE!
OKAY, BUT LET'S KEEP IN CONTACT TELEPATHICALLY!

I'M NOT SO CRAZY ABOUT SPLITTING UP. THERE'S SOMETHING CREEPY ABOUT THIS PLACE!
SOMETHING EVIL. I CAN SENSE IT, TOO!

MOMENTS LATER, IN THE TUNNEL TO THE LEFT...
END OF THE ROAD. LET'S HEAD BACK.
NO FAIR! I WANTED TO FIND THE PROTECTOR!
BLOB
BLOB

I WOULD'VE CALLED THE OTHERS WITH A CLASSIC RED ALERT!
GUYS, THERE'S NOTHING HERE. WE'RE COMING BACK!

SHOULDN'T WE SEND OUT A TELEPATHIC MESSAGE TO LET THE OTHERS KNOW?
THAT'S WHAT I JUST TRIED TO DO!

IF THAT WAS A JOKE, I'M NOT LAUGHING!
TARANEE'S THE ONE WHO MAKES OUR TELEPATHY WORK! AND IF SHE DIDN'T HEAR ME, IT MEANS SHE...

HURRY!
TARANEE!

"TARANEE!"
YOU'RE READY NOW!
RETURN TO YOUR ELEMENT!
YOU'LL BE A PART OF US.
WE ARE ALL FIRE.
COME!

TARANEE! RUN!
WHAT IS SHE DOING? WHY IS SHE SMILING?
WAAAMP
AHHH!
WAAAMKSSS
WATER!
I CAN'T PUT OUT THE FIRE!

WE ARE FIRE.
WHAT THE...
LET HER GO!
TARANEE, GIVE ME YOUR HAND!
NO! GO AWAY!
OUCH!
TUNC
LEAVE ME ALONE!

WHAT THE HECK'S GOING ON?
I DON'T KNOW! WE CAME BACK HERE BECAUSE TARANEE WASN'T ANSWERING OUR TELEPATHIC MESSAGES!
BY THE TIME WE GOT HERE, SHE'D ALREADY BEEN CAPTURED!
SHE WAS SMILING STRANGELY, LIKE SHE WAS HAPPY ABOUT WHAT WAS GOING ON!
AND THEN THAT THING SPIT OUT A FLAME! IT ALL HAPPENED SO FAST!
IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT, IRMA!
NO MORE THAN IT WAS MY FAULT OR CORNELIA'S.
BUT HOW COULD WE HAVE IMAGINED...
WHILE YOU WERE WITH TUDOR, TARANEE MENTIONED A STRANGE CREATURE SHE SAW IN HER DREAM...
...SHE SAID IT WAS LIKE IT WAS IN HER HEAD.
AND I JUST TOLD HER ABOUT SOME **STUPID** NIGHTMARE I HAD... BUT THE RIDDLE SHOULD'VE BEEN SO CLEAR!
A **MONSTER** OF FIRE WAS **WAITING** FOR US!
WHY DIDN'T I UNDERSTAND?

WHAT DO WE DO NOW, WILL?
WE GET EVERY-THING WRONG!
YOU CAN'T BE SUG-GESTING WE LEAVE TARANEE IN THERE?
SHE DIDN'T SAY THAT!
WHATEVER WE DECIDE TO DO, IT'LL BE A MISTAKE.
IF WE ATTACK THE MONSTER, WE'LL RISK HITTING TARANEE, TOO!
BUT IF WE DON'T ATTACK, WE CAN SAY GOODBYE TO TARANEE, TO THE GEM...
...AND TO MATT.

"SO HOW DO I DECIDE?"
WILL... CAN I MAKE A SUGGESTION?
ONLY IF IT'S BRILLIANT!
IF WE DON'T DO ANYTHING, TARA'S DOOMED FOR SURE, BUT IF WE ATTACK, WE MIGHT HAVE A CHANCE OF SAVING HER!
WE'VE GOT TO TRY!
BUT THAT MEANS TRUSTING TARANEE'S LIFE ON A MAYBE.
IS THAT ENOUGH FOR YOU?
WE DON'T SEEM TO HAVE ANY CHOICE!

"LET'S ATTACK!"
NOTHING'S HAPPENING!
WHAAAM
DON'T GIVE UP!
SOONER OR LATER, THAT ROCK HAS GOT TO GIVE!
WAAAM

PURE FIRE RESIDES IN THE WINGS OF DARKNESS.
TOUCH THE STONE AND BE A PART OF US FOREVER. WE ARE FIRE!
YES, WE ARE FIRE!
WE'LL BE PURE FLAMES!
PURE FLAMES!
"YOU BELONG WITH US!"
I BELONG WITH...
NO! I KNOW WHERE I BELONG!
AND IT'S HERE WITH ALL OF YOU!

AND I KNOW WHAT MY ELEMENT IS!
I AM FIRE!
A FIRE YOU CAN'T PUT OUT. A ROCK YOU CAN'T BREAK. HOW DO WE DEFEAT THAT THING?
LET'S REST THEN TRY AGAIN.
I DOUBT IT'LL WORK.
WE GAVE IT EVERYTHING WE HAD AND IT DIDN'T GET US ANYWHERE!

BOOOM
KRAAK
AHHH!
I AM FIRE!

WOOOSH
WHAT HAPPENED TO TARA? WHAT IS SHE DOING?
SHE'S ABSORBING ALL OF THE PROTECTOR'S FIRE!
WAAAMP
BUT SHE'S RISKING IT BIG-TIME!
WE'VE GOT TO HELP HER!

WATER!
SPLASH
SBRANG
EARTH!
K-PLASH

IT'S OVER!
TARANEE!
EVERYTHING OKAY?
I...
...
I DON'T THINK I CAN CHANGE BACK TO NORMAL!
GO ON! YOU WON'T HURT ME!
I CAN'T!
YES, YOU CAN! GIVE ME YOUR HAND!
BUT IF SHE TOUCHES HER...
...
AND I DON'T THINK I CAN TAKE THAT AS AN ANSWER!

FSSS
FSSS
COME ON. LET'S GO BACK DOWN.
NO POWER IS MORE DESTRUCTIVE THAN FIRE.
BUT EVEN FIRE IS NO MATCH FOR TRUE POWER.
THE POWER OF COURAGE, FRIENDSHIP, AND TRUST!

ROOM 112.
TRY TO GET SOME REST.
I THINK I NEED IT.
WE'RE GOING BACK DOWNSTAIRS. WE NEED TO FIND...
WILL...
YEAH?
I GOT THE GEM.
THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!
I'VE BEEN HANGING ONTO IT EVER SINCE I TOOK IT AWAY FROM THE PROTECTOR.
I BET YOU'RE THIRSTY AFTER ALL YOU'VE BEEN THROUGH!
SO HOW DOES IT FEEL TO BE A GIANT MATCH-STICK?
WELL, FOR STARTERS, IT'S PRETTY HOT!
HA! HA!
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!

LATER ON.
YAWWN... DID I SLEEP MUCH?
YEAH, AND YOU SNORED A LOT, TOO!
WHAT'S THAT?
I WON THE TREASURE HUNT! FEEL FREE TO APPLAUD.
BUT SHE DIDN'T DESERVE IT! SHE **CHEATED!**
IT'S NOT MY FAULT I KNEW WHERE THE PRIZE WAS HIDDEN!
THE ONLY THING I DIDN'T EXPECT WAS CORNELIA'S GRANDMA TAKING IT SO BADLY.
IT SEEMS IRMA BROKE GRANDMA'S WINNING STREAK.
HA! HA!
I HAD A VISION. THAT'S ALL! IT JUST CAME TO ME!
LET'S HURRY UP! THE BUS SHOULD BE HERE ANY MINUTE NOW!
BYE, CORNELIA! SEE YOU AT SCHOOL!
YOU AND I ARE GOING TO HAVE A LITTLE TALK ABOUT HOW TO CHOOSE FRIENDS.
BELIEVE IT OR NOT, I CHOSE THE VERY **BEST FRIENDS** A GIRL COULD EVER HAVE!

Ye old Bookshop
FINALLY...
GO ON, TARANEE! STICK THE GEM IN...
IT'LL FEEL FANTASTIC! YOU'LL SEE!
SLAAASH!
HERE IT GOES!
CLICK
ALL RIGHT! ANOTHER LOCK IS OPEN!

WE'RE ONE STEP CLOSER TO FREEING MATT. WE'LL GET HIM OUT OF THAT NASTY OLD BOOK ANY TIME NOW!
I SURE HOPE SO!
I'D BETTER GO HOME. IF I SHOW UP LATE AGAIN, MY DAD'S GOING TO LOCK ME UP AND THROW AWAY THE KEY!
HA! HA!
CEDRIC, STAY CLOSE TO THE BOOK UNTIL IT GIVES US ANOTHER CLUE!
JUST AS I'VE BEEN DOING ALL ALONG!
AND JUST AS YOU'LL CONTINUE TO DO!
NATURALLY...
End of Episode.